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Airfield. BERAT

About 30 Soviet jets have been located in the a/m airfield. They are camouflaged under tree branches

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Para-troops Training

[redacted] an unknown number of men parachuted from a double-winged airplane flying above the airfield of Tirana.

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[redacted] the parachuted men were young volunteers (civilians) who attended para-troops training, after having been examined by doctors. [redacted] they were paid for each flight; for this reason, certain workers [redacted] desired to join the para-troops training in order to earn some money.

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INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION

Church

Religious sentiment of the Gjinokaster Orthodox Population

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[redacted] during Christmas and Easter
the majority of the Orthodox population, including the Youth, attend the Church Service.

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Education

Scholarships for high school (gymnasium) education are given to the sons of C.P. members and Communist sympathizers. The children of the reactionaries may attend the high school in their own expense, but they are required to submit an application.

Note

The students of most Albanian educational institutes are granted with scholarships given by the government. Thus, out of 9 students coming from the village of SOPIK [redacted] 25X1
4 had received scholarship and 5 studied in their own expense. Two, out the latter 5, had their parents interned to Gjinokaster for political reasons.
The a/m 9 students attended the gymnasium and the Pedagogic Institute of Gjinokaster 25X1

PARTY ACTIVITIES

Probable Inter-Party trouble

Unknown Professors of a Tirana Institute, and the Secretary of the Polish C.P. Mr GOMULKA, have been accused for TITOISM [redacted] 25X1

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At a meeting of the Tirana Workers and Craftsmen Cooperative, held in Jan. 1957, an agitator delivered a speech. At first, he accused the Secretary of the Polish C.P. Mr GOMULKA for following a political line which is very close to that followed by TITO. A few days later, at another meeting, the President of the Craftsman Cooperative named Sotir KOSHOLARI, ^{accused} certain professors of a Tirana Institute. This is what he said:

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TITO found "backers" in Albania among certain demagog professors of a Tirana Institute. Then, he attacked Liri GEGA, Petro BULATOVIC, and Dali NDREU, ~~executed~~ executed in Albania recently as TITO's agents.

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M O R A L E

Propaganda

Government Propaganda in connection with the Economic Development of the Country.

Up to 1954, the government propaganda, as far as the economic sector is concerned, gave more importance to the Industry and less to agriculture. By the middle of 1954, the economic policy of the Albanian government turned towards agriculture mainly, but without ignoring the industrial development completely.

Since the period of the industrial development, an important number of young ~~men~~ peasants(farmers) and craftsmen moved to the towns and other places where big productive constructions were carried out(like MATI, etc).

Later, and specially in 1955, with the changes of the economic policy, part of these men were ~~released~~ released from their jobs. Most of the ~~released~~ released personnel were ex-farmers coming from villages, and a few of them came from towns. Most of the released workers who came from villages, instead of returning to their village remained in towns seeking employment(technicians, auto-drivers, etc); some of them who returned to the ~~towns~~ ^{villages} ~~not~~ not like to work as farmer any more;

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They had become craftsmen and they preferred to work as masons, carpenters, etc. Their persistence to remain in towns is due to the fact that they were accustomed to the comfortable life of the town, and in this way they hated to return to the miserable life of the village.

Cooperatives

Simultaneously, the government tried to promote collectivization of the villages, especially in the flat areas of the country.

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Class Struggle

The following resolutions were accepted by the Albanian Party Congress, held in Tirana in May 1956 in connection with the class struggle:

a). The intensity of the campaign against kulaks must be decreased.

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this program was put in effect.

b). Rehabilitation of an important number of kulaks who had been marked as such on false accusations.

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Government policy towards exiled Albanians

In 1955, the Albanian government addressed an appeal to the exiled Albanians (criminals at were exempted) inviting them to return home. Very few exiled returned in Albania.

A resident of Gjinokaster (name unknown) returned in Albania; during 1956 he worked as a cook in Gjinokaster; later he was arrested and put in prison.

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Cost of Clothing reduced

Reduction of clothing prices was announced in 1956. This announcement impressed favorably the public opinion. When the new prices were ~~announced~~ announced the people were disappointed because the reduction was insignificant.

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Hungarian Revolution

Gjinokaster

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- (1). Part of the people in this town knew about the said revolution 2 days before it was announced by the press and radio broadcasts.

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- (2). Even when it was raining, the places where loud-speakers are installed were always crowded when news concerning the Hungarian revolution were broadcasted. Laborers and other people asked each other if they knew any fresh news from Hungary. People were more interested in the beginning, when NAGY was in power. After the Soviet interference, and when the Communist regime was re-established the interest of the public was gradually decreased until it reach to a point of complete indifference.

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- (3) no active demonstrations, except one mentioned by the Director of the Gjinokaster Cooperatives named Sotir KOSHOLARI, in a meeting of political indoctrination. He said, that a carpenter(his name was not mentioned) of the Gjinokaster Carpenters' Cooperative attempted to instigate his fellow-workers to follow the example of the Hungarian People.

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What are we waiting for? he said, we must follow the Hungarian example.

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Morale of the People

most of the inhabitants living in the villages SOPIK(DK-5038) POLICAN(DK-449425), HLCMO-DK-439358 (North Epirote population), and LAZARAT DK-2734 (Albanian population), are strictly anti-Communists.

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